

David D. Smith, chief executive of Sinclair Broadcasting, will be responsible for improper use of Sinclair Broadcasting Group's licenses held by 62 television stations by insisting that each pre-empt prime time viewing slots to run the "Stolen Honor: Wounds That Never Heal" two weeks before the presidential election.

It was my understanding that Sinclair Broadcasting Group is allowed to use the public airways without charge provided programming serves the public interest. David D. Smith's proposal to air this film two weeks before the election is a misuse of these public airways. It would also be a misuse of the public airways would he have planned to air a film promoting the qualities of George W. Bush.

Leave political education to The League of Women Voters and C-Span, the only two entities that approach this without bias.

As a taxpayer I felt it my duty to complain and ask that you review this proposed use before renewal of any license for which Sinclair may apply.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.